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APPARATUS WITH APC AND SPS  
PROCESSES

Examiner: Aristotelis M. Psitos

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 21, 2006, in which there is no indication that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 24, 2005, has been considered. A copy of the IDS as filed and PTO-stamped postcard are enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the receipt and consideration of the IDS be formally acknowledged at the earliest possible convenience.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)). The IDS makes of record the references cited in the Japanese counterpart. A copy of the Office Action issued by the Japanese PTO is attached.

Applicant has not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. R2184.0079/P079-A.

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